

House Bill 1089

Introduced to the Mississippi House of Representatives by: The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network

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Designed to make Epi-pens more readily available to patients experiencing allergic or anaphylaxis reactions

H.B. 1089 provides:

A definition of an Auto-injector to mean a spring-loaded needle and syringe with a single dose of medicine that will automatically release and inject the medicine.

A definition of First Responder to mean a person who uses a limited amount of equipment to perform the initial assessment of and intervention with sick, wounded or otherwise incapacitated persons, who

- *□ (i) is trained to assist other EMS personnel by successfully completing, within the previous two (2) years, an approved First Responder: National Standard Curriculum training program as developed and promulgated by the United States Department of Transportation;
- *□ (ii) is nationally registered as a First Responder by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians; and
- *□ (iii) is certified as a First Responder by the Mississippi State Department of Health , Division of Emergency Medical Services.

Requires medical direction for First Responders

Provides procedures to obtain certification from the State Board of Health

Authorizes the State Board of Health to promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to this authority to at minimum:

- *□ Define and authorize functions of a first responder
- *□ Define and authorize training programs that meet or exceed the performance requirements of the most current national standard curriculum for first responder
- *□ Specify minimum operational requirements including, but not limited to, medical control
- *□ Specify minimum testing and certification requirements and provide for continuing education and periodic recertification for first responders

The law will be in effect 7/1/2002

